Profits Earned by Santhusti commercial complex

*144. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commercial complex named Santhusti is earning good profit for the defence personnel;

(b) the extent of land being used by the Santhusti in the Capital;

(c) the rent and other gains being accrued to the agencies or NGOs involved in managing the complex;

(d) whether any attempt has been made to replicate this model in all the major cities of the country for benefit of the defence personnel; and

(e) what are the reasons for not using its land to establish commercial complex by the defence authorities?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Santushi's is a shopping complex on an area of approximately 1.275 acres of land in the capital, in the possession of Indian Air Force. The shops in the complex have been allotted to private persons. Since use of defence land for setting up a commercial complex is not authorised, the management of Santushti Complex was taken over by the Defence Estate Officer in February, 1998. The Defence Estate Officer has deposited an amount of Rs. 350 lacs in the Government Treasury out of the rent and other charges collected from the Complex since March 1998 till June 2000. No profit is being earned from the Complex.

(d) and (e) Since defence lands are primarily meant for the present and future needs of the defence forces and not for generation of revenue by setting up of commercial complexes, there is no proposal for replicating this model elsewhere in the country.

Higher Price for Naphtha

*145. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Independent Power Producers (IPPs)